

TENNESSEE GENERAL ASSEMBLY
FISCAL REVIEW COMMITTEE



FISCAL MEMORANDUM

SB 259 - HB 447

April 13, 2021

SUMMARY OF ORIGINAL BILL: Adds two citizen representatives to the Title IV-D Child Support Program advisory group. Requires the two citizen representatives be attorneys appointed by the Tennessee Bar Association.

FISCAL IMPACT OF ORIGINAL BILL:

NOT SIGNIFICANT

SUMMARY OF AMENDMENT (006859): Deletes and rewrites all language after the enacting clause such that the only substantive change is to require the two citizen representatives to be appointed by the Commissioner of the Department of Human Services, rather than by the Tennessee Bar Association.

FISCAL IMPACT OF BILL WITH PROPOSED AMENDMENT:

Unchanged from the original fiscal note.

Assumptions for the bill as amended:

- Pursuant to Tenn. Code Ann. § 71-1-132(d), prior to filing a notice of rulemaking for permanent rules to the Title IV-D Child Support Program, the Department of Human Services (DHS) must send the proposed rules to an advisory group for review.
- The advisory group currently consists of two judges and five representatives from various state agencies.
- According to the DHS, the advisory group is not required to meet in-person and historically has not done so. Those who currently serve on the advisory group do so without compensation.
- It is assumed the two additional citizen representatives will serve without compensation, and that the group will continue to fulfill their duties without the need to meet in person; therefore, any fiscal impact to state government is estimated to be not significant.

CERTIFICATION:

The information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Krista Lee Carsner". The script is cursive and fluid, with the first letters of each name being capitalized and prominent.

Krista Lee Carsner, Executive Director

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